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Despite disastrous fallout of extreme weather, BBMP, elected representatives refuse to acknowledge blatant stormwater drain encroachments in Varthur Kodi, residents complain

DRAIN STORM

Width of stormwater drain reduced to 6 ft from 16 ft

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Residents of Varthur Kodi and surrounding areas are aware of the existence of a 16 ft-wide stormwater drain that carries rainwater or overflowing water from Sheelavantha Lake to Dakshina Pinakini River, downstream of Varthur Lake.

Older residents told BM how they have been so familiar with the stormwater drain in the vicinity over time. But, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) stormwater drains department seems to have forgotten the existence of the said stormwater drain.

They have turned a blind eye, voluntarily or out of compulsion, to the brazen encroachment of the drain by private individuals/entities with vested interests. The people responsible for the construction of a road over the drain went scot free too.

No action was taken against them either by the BBMP or elected representatives, including the area corporator. All of them pretended nothing was wrong with the stormwater drain and everything being done or already had been done was as per the norms.

"I know how wide this stormwater drain was those days. Now it is difficult

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Road that has encroached upon stormwater drain

> "Now it is difficult to locate the drain, which made headlines on Saturday due to a verbal duel between area MLA and a resident
> — Jacob A, resident

Old and vice

As crimes against elderly rise, awareness on abuse redressal remains low

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From getting robbed, cheated, falling prey to fraudsters, or being grievously hurt or even killed, senior citizens above 60 years of age in Bengaluru are surely a vulnerable lot.

Data released recently by the Central Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) showed crimes against elderly in the city went up by 13% in 2021 compared to 2019. While 209 crimes against the elderly were reported in 2019, the number went up to 237 in 2021.

Murder, grievous hurt, theft, robbery, forgery, cheating and fraud are some of the crimes reported against the elderly in Bengaluru.

"For most of the elderly, the problem is assets. We have seen cases of elders being abused while they are holding assets. Moreover, covid-19 years turned out to be difficult for senior citizens. Although they got the opportunity to spend more time with children at home, many were abused," said Prabhakaran M, state head, HelpAge India, Karnataka.

NCRB data also showed there has been a surge in the crime rate against senior citizens across Karnataka. While the state recorded 853 crimes against senior citizens in 2020, the number went up to 1,442 in 2021, registering a surge of 70%. Most of the cases registered were that of murder, assaults on elderly women, theft, forgery, cheating and fraud.

Over-dependence of the elderly on children and other family members is an

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 For the love of art!

If you love art and want to spend a day admiring great work, then we have you covered. The "Kalpa" body of works by artists Bodhi Selvam and A Mathew Raj is showcasing some of their amazing artworks. **When: Till September 15**
Where: Grand Mercure Gopalan Mall; Tickets: Free

02 Literature festival

The eighth edition of the Bangalore Business Literature Festival is being organised. The festival will capture the spirit of resilience and how it will help businesses, and entrepreneurs lift themselves from setbacks from the pandemic and plan for a better future. **When: September 17**
Where: Bangalore International Centre
Tickets: Free

03 Mandala masterclass

What to try your hand at making mandalas? Here is a perfect event for you. Learn to make intricate mandalas and escape the monotony of life.
When: September 14;
Where: Online
Tickets: bookmyshow.in

Remembering KK

What are the names of the two studio albums of KK?

Send us your answers on WhatsApp to this number: 9591233247. Winners will get free passes for the 'Sing for KK' concert in memory of the singer featuring Kunal Ganjawala and Zubeen Garg.

Pedal on, learn how to get set and go cycling

MoU signed between Citizens for Sustainability, Karnataka non-motorised Transport Agency and Karnataka Bicycle Dealers Association to teach people how to cycle

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The MoU is a step to encourage cycling in the state as it is a healthy and environment-friendly habit

Do you want to cycle in the city but don't know how to pedal? Don't worry, as now you will be taught cycling for free. For the first time, a unique experiment will begin in the city where enthusiasts will be taught cycling.

For this purpose, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Citizens for Sustainability (CiFoS), Karnataka non-motorised Transport Agency and Karnataka Bicycle Dealers Association (KBDA) on Sunday.

Bengaluru's Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran said, "Cycling is a growing trend in Bengaluru. However, many don't know about cycling. Most of the active participants are women and children who want to cycle now but now they don't know how to pedal. Some of these women are those who are cycling for the first time."

He added,"So, we have decided to teach cycling. We have roped in KBDA as the dealers can alert us when someone has bought a new cycle. Then, we can approach the buyer if they want to learn cycling and then extend a helping hand. This will go a long way in promoting cycling in the city."

On Sunday, a bicycle ride followed the MoU. Department of Urban Land Transport Commissioner, V Manjula said that cycling was not just a practice restricted to high-income countries but is now seen across the world in middle income and low-income countries as well.

"This MoU can be a step to increase the number of cyclists on the road and tackle the growing congestion and pollution issues in the state and country."

KBDA president Nilesh Shah said, "Presently only 32 per cent of Karnataka's population owns a bicycle. Hence, we look at this as a huge opportunity to touch 5 Crore cycles on the roads of Karnataka. This will effectively bring the pollution levels down and improve the health of the individuals."

Supporting the cause, Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad said that knowing how to cycle is not a luxury anymore and hoped everyone learns it. To promote cycling, the Council for Active Mobility has recently tied up with Bengaluru Smart City in developing slow streets. Slow streets are local streets where motor vehicle traffic will be slowed down so cyclists and pedestrians can feel safer getting around, he added.

The preparation for slow streets has started with the volunteers mapping the slow streets in neighbourhood areas to help pedestrians and cyclists to use them for their safety. These slow streets are being mapped to the nearest schools or public parks so that people can take this path for their daily exercise or chores.

In the next phase, sign boards will be displayed along with other interventions to make pedestrians/cyclists feel safe. Another advantage is that as the cycle lanes are mainly on the main roads, we can create alternative cycle lanes on the sub roads. Slow Streets is also endorsed in the draft Active Mobility bill prepared by the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), a first in the country, to be placed before cabinet, said Arshad.

Teachers' Day: UGC to launch research grants, fellowships

The University Grants Commission will launch five fellowship and research grants, including those for a single girl child and retired faculty members, on Teachers' Day, according to its chairman Jagadesh Kumar.

The five schemes that will be launched on Monday are Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child, Dr Radhakrishnan UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Fellowship for Superannuated Faculty Members, Research Grant for In-Service Faculty Members, and Dr DS Kothari Research Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty Members.

"On the occasion of Teachers' Day, UGC is announcing several research schemes which will benefit Higher Educational Institutions across the country," Kumar said on Sunday.

The 'Fellowship for Superannuated Faculty Members is being launched with an aim to provide research opportunities to retired teachers. There are 100 slots available for this fellowship and selected candidates will be given Rs 50,000 per month as part of the fellowship and Rs 50,000 per annum as a contingency.

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> – Jagadesh Kumar, UGC chairman

The 'Research Grant for In-Service Faculty Members' seeks to provide research opportunities to regularly appointed faculty members. The quantum of support under the scheme is Rs 10 lakh which will be provided to 200 selected candidates for a tenure of two years.

The 'Dr DS Kothari Research Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty Members' will provide research opportunities to regularly appointed faculty members. The quantum of support under the scheme is Rs 10 lakh which will be provided to 132 selected candidates for a tenure of two years.

The 'Dr Radhakrishnan UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship' will offer an opportunity to carry out advanced studies and research in Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences including languages in Indian universities and institutions. This fellowship has 900 seats and 30 per cent are reserved for women candidates. The selected candidates will be given Rs 50,000 per month as part of the fellowship and Rs 50,000 per annum as a contingency. **– PTI**

Child rights body, without a head

State Commission only has interim chairperson since 8 months; and her hands are tied as commission has no members too since July

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The importance given to child rights in the city and state can be guaged by the fact that for the last eight months, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has had no regular chairman. No head was appointed for the commission after the term of Fr Anthony Sebastian as the chairman ended on December 4 last year. And even the KSCPCR members' term has ended on July 6.

"I have been appointed as interim chairperson of the KSCPCR. I have also been meeting victims whenever child rights violations are reported in the state. I cannot take any case up suo motu as there are no members. There should be six members but new members are to be nominated. The government has issued a notification inviting applications for the nomination of members after the existing members term was over," said KSCPCR Interim Chairperson and Member Dr Jayashree Channal.

Meanwhile, due to the delay in nominating the new members and appointing a chairman/chairperson, the public are in a dilemma whether to approach the KSCPCR to lodge complaints on violations of child rights.

"The KSCPCR plays a key role in monitoring child rights violations, Juvenile Justice and POCSO cases. It is quite disappointing to see no regular chairman or chairperson for the KSCPCR even after eight months. I think the government has no interest in strengthening the KSCPCR by nominating members (six members) and a chairman or chairperson," said Nagasimha G Rao of Child Rights Trust.

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Expressing the similar opinion, Lakshmi Prasanna, a child rights activist, said the state government has to take measures to appoint a regular chairperson without any delay. "It is the right time to have a regular chairperson to monitor the child rights violations in the state. The interim chairperson cannot take any action or pass an order as the new members are yet to be nominated to the KSCPCR," said Prasanna.

KSCPCR office in Bengaluru

The government issued a notification on July 11, 2022 inviting applications for the nomination of members to the KSCPCR. The last date to submit the applications was August 10. The applicants should have at least five years of experience in the field of child rights, child protection and advocacy for upholding the rights of the children. The term of members is three years and the maximum age limit of the applicants for the post of members shall be 57 years.

The term of Dr Jayashree Channal ended on July 9 as a member but she has been continuing as the Interim Chairperson as per the government order. The other members whose term ended on July 9 are: Ashok G Yaragatti in-charge for Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Kolar, Tumkur, and Chikkaballapur. Bharathi (Belagavi, Haveri, Vijaypura and Bagalkot), Parashurama (Mysore, Mandya, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, and Ramnagar), H C Raghavendra (Bellary, Koppal, Gadag, Hassan, and Chitradurga), D Shankarappa (Shivamogga, Davangere, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi, and Dakshina Kannada).

Frozen funds don't belong to company: Paytm

Fintech major Paytm on Sunday said that the search operations by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at six different locations in Bengaluru were carried out on merchants which were independent entities, and none of them were Paytm's group entities.

In a statement, One 97 Communications Ltd, which is the parent company of Paytm, clarified that none of the funds which have been instructed to be frozen belong to Paytm or any of its group companies.

The ED said on Saturday that it carried out search operations at six different locations in Bengaluru in connection with its probe into the Chinese loan apps fraud case.

The financial probe agency said it raided the premises associated with Paytm, Razorpay and Cashfree, all payment gateways which allegedly facilitated transactions on loan apps unauthorisedly run by Chinese-owned firms. **PTI**

'No money deposited by Mallya, other beneficiaries'

The recovery officer of a Debt Recovery Tribunal at Bengaluru has told the Supreme Court that neither Vijay Mallya, who was sentenced to four months in jail for contempt of court, nor any other beneficiary of the transfer of funds case, have deposited any amount with the tribunal till August 18.

The top court had on July 11 sentenced Mallya to four months in jail for contempt of court, and had directed him and the beneficiaries under the said transactions relating to USD 40 million to deposit the amount received along with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum with the recovery officer concerned within four weeks.

The bench had also asked the Centre to secure the presence of the fugitive businessman, who has been in the United Kingdom (UK) since 2016, to undergo imprisonment. **PTI**

Rough patch of Indiranagar doesn't bother BMRCL

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Near the Indiranagar Metro station is a patch of land where an ominous 'Tresspassers will be prosecuted' board stands firm. This board, however is no deterrent for those who wish to trespass on this abandoned and neglected area. Residents of the area have been requesting Metro officials to create a green zone over here, to take ownership of this land to keep away 'anti-social' elements, but so far their pleas have gone unheard.

A member of the RWA, Dr AC Praveen Kumar, had made several attempts and spoken to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) about the issue but he did not receive any responses. BM had an interaction with the doctor, when he told this reporter that he had requested that the ugly, rusted metallic structures left in the area be cleared out and some trees be planted instead. Since our interaction, the doctor has passed away. And so far, there has been no attempt by BMRCL to rectify the situation.

Residents of the area nearby say the area is an eye sore and safety risk. The half-rusted structure lies abandoned under the via duct, and according to residents, various people use the area.

During the pandemic period, when people were cooped up in their houses, the area was taken over by 'anti-social' elements, they said. A resident said the stretch was supposed to be a parking complex and then BMRCL proposed a commercial establishment, but the move was opposed by the Residents Welfare Association. And so since then, the stretch has been abandoned.

Right between Pillar 64 and Pillar 66 is this neglected stretch where at some areas, black spots too have cropped up.

A resident and a member of the RWA Shani told BM that the stretch has become a pain point. "The stretch attracts a lot of anti-social elements. The situation has been like this for the past two years. People use the area to consume alcohol and other intoxicants. At night, you can hear hooting noises. The unregulated area is also being used for urination and the place stinks of urine," Shani said.

The stretch of land abuts the backyard of the house of one of the residents. This resident told BM that the structure too is a safety risk for them. Vijaya who works in an IT company said, "Earlier, there was a watchman here, but not anymore. Authorities could have put the space to better use. Currently, it is not being managed at all."

Despite repeated attempts, BM was unable to reach BMRCL officials for a comment on this issue.

Wake BBMP up when September ends

Commuters make their way through a pothole-ridden city road; BBMP will use cement and cold mix to fill up craters for now due to heavy rains

Bengaluru's weather forecast for this month is stormy – so is BBMP's schedule for filling potholes

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials say that they have received a forecast from the weather department that the city will receive heavy rainfall in the first week of September – a phenomenon that may linger till month end. Hence, major development works can be taken up by the agency only from October 'if weather permits'.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "Due to rains, we will fill up potholes using cement and cold mix. From September 10, the weather may be a bit dry. We will then use materials from hot mix plants for filling potholes. So far, the tendering process for roads is done. These works will begin from October. You will see freshly asphalted roads in October and November and not many potholes."

When contacted, a weather expert from the Met department said that as of now the forecast for the next few days was widespread light to moderate rains with isolated heavy showers associated with thunderstorms likely over the BBMP area. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 30 and 20 degree Celsius, respectively. However, Bengalureans are not happy with the delay in filling potholes.

"Potholes are a perennial occurrence in the city due to substandard work. The BBMP claims that it has filled more than 2,000 potholes and only 600 remain. Firstly, this number is definitely undercounted. Secondly, the size of the potholes is growing in the city, and incessant rainfall has made travelling a nightmare. Instead of blaming weather gods, BBMP should take up filling of potholes immediately," said Sanjay S, a college student.

The 'abandoning' of road works has also resulted in an increase in traffic jams. Reacting to this, Nath said, "I agree that construction materials on the road impact smooth flow of traffic. City police have given us a list of 112 roads where construction work is going on. Out of 112, around 40 places are facing delayed work. Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma said that construction materials should be removed from the road, so we have removed the same from Jayamahal Road as work had slowed down there." Encroachment of Rajakaluves is leading to flooding. This is another problem in the city. Nath said low-lying areas are especially affected by this. As of now, 550 encroachments are persisting, and in the last few days, 30 encroachments have been removed, he said.

"In Mahadevapura and Bommanahalli, we have a number of lakes, and the rainfall is also heavy in that part. Hence, we are seeing overflowing lakes. We are now in the process of installing sluice gates at diversion channels and lakes. We are now focussing on Bommanahalli and Mahadevapura encroachments," he added. He said that the rajakaluves near Ecospace ORR were being redesigned. The BBMP has been instructed to construct cross culverts so that rain water flows without hindrance. The body is also constructing a 300-metre-long pipeline for the smooth flow of rain water, out of which 60 metres has been completed.

"We also need to widen the pipelines for stormwater drains. In Ecospace campus, a stormwater drain encroachment has been removed," he informed.

Hebbal junction unclogging

The unclogging of the Hebbal junction is yet to gather pace. According to Nath, a coordination committee involving various stakeholders has suggested 23 improvements in Hebbal junction, out of which seven things have been done. The road from Esteem mall towards KR Puram needs to be widened along with a road near Hebbal Lake (towards airport side). Streetlights will be installed at junctions.

Death due to negligent driving

A two-wheeler driver died after a speeding trash truck attached to BBMP mowed it down near Doddabelavangala. The deceased has been identified as a 25-year-old, Raju. Locals have alleged that many have lost lives due to rash driving of vehicles carrying trash from the city to dumping yards.

Why it's time to reclaim stormwater drains

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to locate the drain, which hit the headlines on Saturday due to a verbal duel between area MLA and a resident. The stretch between the main road and Veracious Lansdale is covered with concrete blocks to facilitate a road. The stormwater drain takes a right turn in front of Veracious Lansdale residential apartments. The width of the drain is reduced to six feet from 16 feet," said Jacob A, a resident.

Residents complained about the construction of the road between the entrance of T-Zed residential apartment complex and the Whitefield Main Road, the main cause, according to them, for flooding whenever it rains heavily or water overflows from nearby Sheelavantha Lake.

"I was shocked when the BBMP engaged an earthmover to demolish our compound wall claiming that we have encroached the stormwater drain by two metres. We have not encroached the drain. It is the road constructed illegally which is responsible for decreasing the width of the drain by more than 10 feet," said Vinay Prabhu, owner of Sree Sai Harsha Towers.

Prabhu said instead of taking action against those who constructed the road over the drain, the BBMP and area MLA misused power and directed the police to take him to the police station.

Jagadeesh Reddy of Varthur Rising criticised the BBMP's stormwater drains department for not taking action against those responsible for encroachments. He said the width of the stormwater drain at a few places is less than six feet due to encroachments.

"I want to know what the BBMP was doing all these days. Everyone is aware of the encroachment of stormwater drains in Mahadevapura zone but BBMP pretends like nothing has happened all these years. I demand the BBMP chief commissioner to initiate criminal action against those engineers responsible for the construction of the road on the stormwater drain. I want the BBMP to cancel the retirement benefits of those engineers who are already retired or on the verge of retirement," said Reddy.

Meanwhile, BBMP executive engineer (stormwater drains) Malathi R who assumed office six years ago said she doesn't know who constructed the road that reduced the width of the stormwater drain.

"We faced stiff resistance from residents whenever we attempted to widen the storm drain by demolishing the road. Now, we have sufficient funds to take up widening and strengthening of the stormwater drain. The road constructed on the stretch between T-Zed residential apartment complex and Whitefield Main Road near Manipal Hospital is illegal. It is kharab land and belongs to the state government," the engineer said.

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Open drains

HBR Layout

It has been 20 days since drains were opened here in HBR Layout, 2nd Stage.

Road safety

Navarang Circle

People are unable to use the footpath on Navarang Circle, Rajajinagar due to uneven laying of stones. They have to use the main road to walk.

Public hazard

Gokula Extension

Stormwater drains were opened near Gokula Extension but have still not been closed

Re-designed drains could check waterlogging

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The flood situation in the city is due to a mix of factors including stormwater drain encroachment, changing rainfall patterns, apathy of civic authorities, and unscientific building of drains, say experts. They opine that official bodies must redesign drains annually for things to look up.

While people scour for immediate solutions to unclog drains, experts note that de-flooding measures must be taken early.

There have been reports of Outer Ring Road (ORR), Rainbow Drive Layout (RBD), and Nallurhalli witnessing excessive waterlogging. Currently, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is building a pipeline connecting the rajakaluve next to EcoSpace to the one near Marriott hotel.

A small stretch of the ORR following a brief spell of rainfall on Thursday

"The existing rajakaluve has smaller water carrying capacity. As an emergency measure, the pipeline is being built and the rajakaluve is being cleaned. BBMP is also working towards removing encroachments," said Clement Jayakumar, Chairman, MTF Jal Shakti.

Citing damages worth around Rs 225 crore to ORR's flooding, the Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) had written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who said that sluice gates would be installed and encroachments would be cleared.

Experts are of the view that the BBMP must consider lakes as flood mitigation systems, especially with the climate-induced change in rainfall patterns, frequency, and intensity. They said that the agency must also act towards connecting the stormwater drains, interconnecting lakes, and desilting them regularly.

Lake activist and co-founder of Friends of Lakes, Ram Prasad, said that immediate solutions might not be possible as buildings cannot disappear overnight.

"BBMP and BDA have alone encroached on a large number of rajakaluves. Lakes must also be rejuvenated to their original water-holding capacity," he said.

Prasad added that the problem also lies with unscientific methods followed by some lake activists in rejuvenating lakes in the absence of active participation by the civic body.

Another lake activist, Nagesh Aras, said, "Flooding in Bengaluru is an annual problem and nothing much happens. If BBMP plans to evict encroachers mercilessly now, why has it waited so long?"

Stormwater drains do not account for the daily flow of treated sewage. The daily flow is supposed to be less than 10 per cent of the carrying capacity of the drain and therefore the drains are overflowing. Experts also feel the existing number of drains is not insufficient.

"BBMP could also investigate managing flooding hotspots like Chennai. The Chennai government has identified 400 such hotspots. Right now, most of the infrastructure prevents percolation," said Raj Bhagat, a topography expert.

'Better land policies, less flooding'

Experts say that Bengaluru is seeing more floods due to rapid, unplanned urbanisation

Locals use a raft to navigate through the completely inundated Rainbow Drive Layout

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> **"If we expand any further, the city will break down. We have seen what the rain did in May and again in August**
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> –Joseph Hoover, president, United Conservation Movement

Over the past week, rain has created havoc across the city with several areas being flooded in knee-deep water for days. Experts have pointed out that one of the major reasons that the city has been witnessing increased waterlogging every year is rapid and unplanned urbanisation.

Environmentalist Dr AN Yellappa Reddy told Bangalore Mirror that a lack of proper land-use and water-use policies are leading to this situation.

"Bengaluru used to have around 70 per cent of land area that was under agriculture, horticulture, and wetlands. More than 60 per cent of the land had good vegetation, so whenever there was torrential rainfall, water would be absorbed and directed towards the root. This would recharge the groundwater as well. Then all the trees were removed to make space for buildings, roads, and footpaths," he said.

Reddy added that because of the concrete roads and poor drainage system, there is no place for rainwater to get absorbed anymore, which leads to flooding.

Engineers, he said, made a huge blunder while creating the drainage system as it lacks landfills as well. The drains get blocked by garbage and negligence by authorities is very common.

"White topping, metro work, construction of skywalks seems to be the priority of the authorities right now, but the question to ask them is: for whom are we urbanising the city when there is no capacity?" he questioned.

Experts are of the opinion that Bengaluru is expanding much faster than its capacity.

"If we expand any further, the city will break down. We have seen what the rain did to the city in the month of May and again in August. Every second year it's the same condition during monsoons," said Joseph Hoover, president of United Conservation Movement and former member of the Karnataka State Wildlife Board.

What's the solution?

Experts suggested that authorities should look into vertical expansion of the city instead of a horizontal one. Vertical expansion essentially means building upwards and within a smaller area of land.

"We should also try to shift the IT industry and major companies to Tier 2 cities like Mysuru instead of Bengaluru. So many people are moving to the city every year for employment, more than the city has capacity for," said Hoover.

He also added that restricting the encroachment of lakes, stormwater drains, and rajakaluves are also of extreme importance to avoid flooding.

Biological disasters: 'Major threat' in state

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A first-of-its-kind analysis of climatological events has shown how Karnataka is one of the states in the country that is most prone to extreme climate events. The report analysing the trends between 1995 to 2020 says that the state has experienced 59 climate disasters, including one cyclone, 23 heat waves, 17 floods, and 11 droughts. The report adds the state is even more prone to biological disasters. The National Institute Of Disaster Management (NIDM) recently published a report, 'Mapping Climatic and Biological Disasters in India', which is a dedicated study of spatial and temporal patterns along with lessons for strengthening resilience. For understanding the frequency of disaster-related deaths at the state level, a composite map has been prepared.

The entire study period is divided into three time-frames to understand the impact of the selected disasters. There has been a state-wise comparative spatial distribution of both biological (Japanese encephalitis, Dengue, Covid) and climate (drought, floods, heat waves, cold waves and Cyclones) disasters for the period between 1995-2020.

Floods

Karnataka and Arunachal Pradesh recorded an increase in the frequency of floods. Mortality due to floods has been very high in Karnataka. In terms of annual average number of lives lost (1995-2020), Karnataka recorded more than 100.

The report states that climate change is likely to increase the frequency and intensity of floods.

Heatwaves

"State averaged summer mean maximum temperatures have increased in Karnataka and other states," the report says. Extreme temperatures, combined with high humidity and resultant atmospheric conditions, adversely affect people living in these regions leading to physiological stress and sometimes even death.

Biological disasters

Maharashtra ranks highest in terms of deaths, followed by Karnataka. 12 states, including Karnataka, have high instances of Japanese encephalitis. These states experienced more than 20 outbreaks during the period under analysis. Change in global climate, coupled with intensive rice cultivation and pig rearing has been reported as some of the reasons for rise in cases.

Karnataka reported the highest number of dengue cases.

Droughts

Karnataka was found to be the fourth-highest drought-prone state in the country after Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Rajasthan.

Getting a video call from an unknown number? Do not answer it

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Bengaluru might be the hub for IT companies, but recently it has also become the hub for cybercrime.

As per the recent NCRB data, the city had the most number of cybercrime cases among the 19 metropolitan cities with 6,423 cases recorded in 2021.

These cases amount to 37.5% of the total cases recorded in all 19 metropolitan cities.

CK Baba, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South-East division, said that the most common types of cybercrime witnessed in the city are KYC-related fraud, identity theft, and phishing.

"One of the most common ones is KYC-related frauds wherein people try to contact you and ask for bank details, and so on. Many people fall for it and share the information. Recently in one such case, a couple lost about Rs 4 lakh," he told Bangalore Mirror.

The DCP added that all the offenders are skilled people who know their way through the technology and have access to it.

However, the number of cybercrime cases recorded in Bengaluru has decreased since 2019 when the city recorded 10,555 cases and 8,892 cases in 2020.

"Another kind of cybercrime that is common these days is of blackmailing. Mostly a person gets a video call from an unknown number and there is a woman on the other end of the call. If they receive it for even 2-3 seconds, the screenshots are either morphed or manipulated to show nudity, and then the person is blackmailed. This is becoming more and more common in the city," said the DCP.

The authorities say that the best way to avoid such crimes happening to you is by being extremely careful on the internet and increasing awareness about such crimes among the people you know.

"If you are getting a video call from an unknown number, I would advise you to not receive it since videos are a very sensitive matter. Another thing is that no bank ever asks for your personal details as the banks themselves are a huge database of information so one should never share their bank details or any other sensitive information like passwords and OTPs with anyone claiming to be a bank official," he added.

The official also warned the public about not clicking on any links that have been received from an unknown or suspicious source. Maintaining cyber hygiene is the only way cyber crimes can be avoided in the future.

As per NCRB, Bengaluru is followed by Hyderabad to have the highest number of cybercrime cases among metropolitan cities with 3,303 cases, and Mumbai with 2,883 cases.

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B'lureans among 5 held in Goa drug raids

In a series of raids across Goa, five persons were arrested for allegedly possessing drugs, police said on Sunday.

"A joint raid was conducted along with the Executive Magistrate ANC and Anjuna police in '9 Bar' during which Mithun G, of Bengaluru was found in possession of Methamphetamine worth Rs 10,000," Deputy Superintendent of Police Jivba Dalvi told reporters.

"Along with the above accused person, party organiser W Davis, of Cox Town, Bengaluru has also been placed under arrest," he said.

In yet another raid, Gujarat native Udit Daswani, 22, was arrested for illegal possession of Ganja.

According to police, information was received that the accused was coming to deliver drugs in Anjuna and a raid was conducted during which accused person was caught red handed with ganja worth Rs 6,000. The police have also arrested two Tanzanian women at Anjuna in another raid for allegedly possessing drugs. **IANS**

Seniors unaware of abuse redressal

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important factor that increases crime and abuse instances against the aged.

According to a recent report by HelpAge India, around 59% of the elderly in Bengaluru are dependent on family and an equal number (59%) depend upon pensions and cash transfers. However, many individuals in this age group feel that their income is inadequate.

Moreover, while elder abuse is a sensitive subject amongst most Indian families, experts said there is a sharp contrast between the perception of the existence of abuse and admitting the experience of abuse personally. "While many senior citizens feel that elder abuse is prevalent in society, only a handful admit they have been victims. Most of the elders attribute abuse to their relatives and close family members," said Prabhakaran.

According to those working in the field, the majority of the individuals in this age group are unaware of any abuse redressal mechanism. This further highlights the need to have robust awareness mechanisms in place through extensive campaigns and media outreach. "A majority of Bengaluru's senior citizens are not aware of the redressal mechanism for abuse. Time-bound decisions to tackle elder abuse need to be taken at policy level. While a boost is being given to digital India across the board, amid constantly evolving new digital tech, our elders have been left far behind," said a city based social activist.

CM to decide fate of tiger & grasslands

Crucial meet today to take call on status of MM Hills and grasslands of Hesaraghatta

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The proposed tiger reserve will be sixth in Karnataka and is estimated to be 906.18 sq km in area

Karnataka has one of the highest numbers of tigers in the country. Now, all eyes are on the crucial meeting which will decide whether the state will notify a tiger reserve to protect the big cats or will it succumb to the pressure of the locals in not declaring MM Hills forest range as a tiger reserve.

The Karnataka Biodiversity Board meeting is scheduled in the city on Monday, chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. The Board will also take a call on protecting the Hesaraghatta grasslands.

In the last few months, the centre gave in-principle approval for creating a tiger reserve at Male Mahadeshwara (MM) hills to protect tigers. But some ministers are against it, pressuring the government to scrap the proposal.

Minister for housing and Chamarajanagar district in charge V Somanna said, "The creation of tiger reserve is critical. There are more than villages staying inside the forest for more than five centuries. If this place is declared a tiger reserve, the villagers must move. "

Somanna said that the villagers were the real inheritors of the place. Any project should help people and not displace them. Many villagers were affected when the BRT was announced. Now, another tiger reserve will cause additional problems to the villagers.

Environmentalists say that ministers should abstain from mixing politics with crucial environmental issues. "The centre has already approved it and only the official letter was pending. We have been working hard to protect the tigers and the reserve would have been a blessing. We request the politicians to stay away from matters like protecting forests and wildlife for votes," an environmentalist said.

However, Forest Minister Umesh Katti has been opposing this. He said, "I have heard that my colleague Somanna has been opposing this. However, as a forest minister, I am in favour of tiger reserves. So, instead of fighting on the issue, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will take a final call on the matter."

Recently, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey said, "The approval of National Tiger Conservation Authority has been accorded to the proposal of Karnataka State Government to declare the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary as a tiger reserve. The total area of the proposed tiger reserve (core + buffer) is estimated to be 906.18 sq km. Of this, the core area extent has been identified as 670.99 sq km, including Mahadeshwara Male, Hanur and Yediyaralli Reserve Forests. MM Hills reserve was supposed to be the sixth tiger reserve in Karnataka."

For a tiger reserve

According to the National Tiger Conservation Authority, "Once a forest is declared a Tiger reserve, funding is provided through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger for acquiring capacity in terms of infrastructure and material to deal with tigers dispersing out of source areas. Based on the carrying capacity of tigers, habitat interventions are restricted. In buffer areas around tiger reserves, habitat interventions are restricted judiciously enough to facilitate dispersal to other rich habitat areas only."

NATION

Cyrus Mistry killed in Maha road crash; govt orders probe

Renowned industrialist Cyrus P. Mistry, who headed the multinational Shapoorji Pallonji Group and was a former Tata Sons Chairman - was killed in a road accident at Palghar in Maharashtra on Sunday afternoon. The state government has ordered a probe into the incident.

He was 54 and is survived by his wife Rohiqa, elder brother Shapoor Mistry and other family members.

Mistry's death comes barely two months after his father, Pallonji Shapoorji Mistry, the Chairman Emeritus of the Group, passed away, aged 93, on June 28 in Mumbai.

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has ordered a detailed probe into the incident that shook the country's corporate world.

According to police, the tragic end came after Mistry's vehicle, with at least 3 others travelling with him from Ahmedabad to Mumbai, crashed into a road divider around 3.15 p.m.

According to Palghar police officials, Mistry was travelling from Ahmedabad to Maharashtra when his over-speeding car hit a highway road divider on River Surya near Charoti, around 105 km north of Mumbai.

There were four people in the car out of which two, including Mistry, succumbed instantly to injuries in the road crash which left the vehicle badly damaged, while the driver survived, said the police.

The other two injured, whose identities are unclear, have been admitted to the Rainbow Hospital in Kasa.

The police have termed it as an "overspeeding case" which may have resulted in the devastating accident, especially since Palghar and surrounding regions have been battered with heavy rains since Saturday. **-IANS**

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Reality bites

It is often said that officials take issues seriously when they face one themselves. On Saturday, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said he will take strict action against the overhead cables as they turned out to be a 'nuisance'. Well, if you are wondering why the BBMP chief suddenly showed his ire towards cables, it was because of his encounter with them.

During the night inspection at Hebbal, Nath also got first-hand experience as to how these cables are a menace for pedestrians.

Nath said, "We have to remove hanging cables as it is a public nuisance not just for the public but also for me. Hence, we have to remove it."

Not a cakewalk

CM Bommai received flak as he didn't tour the flood-affected areas in the city as soon as he should have. Following a tweet from Mohandas Pai, Bommai announced that he

will visit the city streets. Accompanied by Mahadevapura MLA, Bommai went on a walk in the affected areas. However, it was not an easy one as the entire area was filled with slush.

Many locals pointed to this, stating that this was their daily plight and CM's firsthand experience will help him take tough action. Later during an interaction, an official said that it was tough to decide as there was too much pressure. CM said, "I am telling you this openly. You have my green signal and go ahead with your work no matter who calls you up to stop."

When MLA lost her cool

Ramanagara MLA Anita Kumaraswamy is known to be of calm composure. However, the recent rainfall seems to have unnerved her. During a village visit to check the rain damage, Anita spoke to villagers about the loss. This was when she lost her cool and asked an old man why was he speaking too much as she was doing her best to help them. The old man shot back saying is it wrong for an old man to speak. This was not the end of it. When another person tried to offer suggestions to the MLA, the enraged MLA asked him what he did to help the flood victims.

Two states

Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh states have shared a special bond since mythological days, according to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The CM was in the city to attend a function where he talked about the special relationship.

He said, "When Ram was in the forest, Hanuman from Karnataka helped him and later Hanuman helped Ram to establish a Ram Rajya. Now, in modern times, Bengaluru has emerged as an IT hub and how the city's tech companies and their technology are helping people even in UP."

High demand for 'washing feet'

Elections are nearing. This means the politicians have to take out extra time to reach the voters. So, the latest trend in the run-up to the next State Assembly elections is doing 'pada pooje'. Recently, Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda organised a special 'Paada Pooje' programme where he washed the feet of pourakarmikas during a Ganesha celebration programme. As soon as the news reached his rival camps, there was one more round of 'Paada Pooje' organised by JDS. Well, whether this is a real 'feet wash' or just an eye wash needs to be seen.

-Sridhar Vivan

File photo of the Soyuz MS-18 rocket being launched

IT IS ALL ABOUT ROCKET SCIENCE

Feats such as Moon launches are not only about engineering; some clever chemistry also plays a role

Many around the world will watch eagerly as NASA launches Artemis I, the agency's first Moon exploration mission since the 1970s. The spectacle involves the most powerful rocket in the world: the Space Launch System (SLS). Standing at nearly 100 metres tall and weighing more than 2,600 tonnes, the SLS produces a massive 8.8 million pounds of thrust – (more than 31 times the thrust of a Boeing 747 jet). But it's not just amazing engineering that's behind space exploration. Hidden within, there's clever chemistry that powers these fantastic feats and sustains our fragile life in space.

The fuel and spark

To launch a rocket into space, we need a chemical reaction known as combustion — where fuels are combined with oxygen, producing energy. In turn, that energy provides the push needed to propel mammoth machines like the SLS into Earth's upper atmosphere and beyond.

Much like cars on the road and jets in the sky, rockets have engines where combustion takes place. SLS has two engine systems: four core stage RS-25 engines (upgraded space shuttle engines) and two solid rocket boosters. And chemistry is what provides a unique fuel mixture for each engine.

The core stage engines use a mixture of liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen, whereas the solid rocket boosters contain a solid propellant – a hard, rubber-like material called polybutadiene acrylonitrile. In addition to being fuel itself, this material contains particles of aluminium metal as fuel, with ammonium perchlorate as the oxygen source. While fuel for the solid rocket boosters is easily stored at room temperature, the core stage engine fuels need to be stored at -253 degree C for liquid hydrogen and -183 degree C for liquid oxygen. That's why you see sheets of ice shearing off rockets upon liftoff – the fuel vessels are so cold, they freeze moisture from air around.

But there's another bit of interesting chemistry that happens when we need to light the fuel. Depending on the fuel source, rockets can be ignited electrically through a glorified spark plug… or chemically. If you've ever watched a space launch and heard talk about "TEA-TEB ignition", that's referring to triethylaluminium and triethylborane. These two chemicals are pyrophoric – meaning they can catch fire spontaneously when exposed to air.

Sustaining life

Life support systems in space rely on chemical processes.

Chemical processes are behind combustion that gives the push to propel machines into space; lighting the rocket fuel and sustaining systems to support our fragile life

What happens to the carbon dioxide we exhale as a toxic waste product when we breathe?

Remember Tom Hanks trying to fit a square peg into a round hole in *Apollo 13*? Those were carbon dioxide scrubbers that NASA used for removing this toxic gas from the interior of space capsules. These scrubbers are expendable filters packed with lithium hydroxide (similar to a chemical in drain-cleaning fluid) that capture carbon dioxide through acid-base chemistry. But, these filters have a finite capacity. So, they are not feasible for extended space missions. Scientists later developed a system that uses a reusable carbon dioxide scrubber made with minerals called zeolites, with which the captured carbon dioxide can be released into space, and the filters are then free to capture more gas.

But in 2010, scientists found an even better way to manage carbon dioxide, by turning this waste product into another essential component to life: water.

Waste to resource

The Environmental Control and Life Support System on the ISS replaces carbon dioxide scrubbers with the Carbon Dioxide Reduction System, also known as the Sabatier system. It's named after the chemical reaction central to its function, which in turn is named after its discoverer, 1912 Chemistry Nobel Prize winner Paul Sabatier.

This system combines carbon dioxide with hydrogen gas to form water and methane. The methane gas is vented into space, and through a process called hydrolysis, the water is split into breathable oxygen and hydrogen gas. The latter is then recycled to transform more carbon dioxide into water.

(By Curtis Ho, University of Tasmania, The Conversation)

BITS & BYTES

iPHONE IS CHARGED

As Apple is preparing to unveil its next-generation iPhones, a new report has indicated that the tech giant's iPhone 14 Pro may revive the battery percentage indicator.

The iPhone 14 Pro's status bar will see changes due to the increased usable space at the top of the display, moving the cellular signal indicator to the left and re-implementing the full-width battery status bar on the Lock Screen, reports MacRumors. It says, iOS 16's Lock Screen will interact with the 'iPhone 14 Pro's always-on display, featuring integration with notifications and the depth effect and colours of wallpapers.

CALL GOOGLE

As the launch date approaches, tech giant Google's upcoming flagship smartphone Pixel 7 Pro has reportedly surfaced in a brief unboxing video posted on Facebook.

The smartphone was taken from a box in the video, published by the Bangladeshi technology retailer Gadgetfull BD. The device showed a sleek black exterior with the Google 'G' logo imprinted on the back, reports The Verge.

The tech giant first teased the Pixel 7 and 7 Pro at I/O in May, and is likely to launch the device next month alongside the Pixel Watch.

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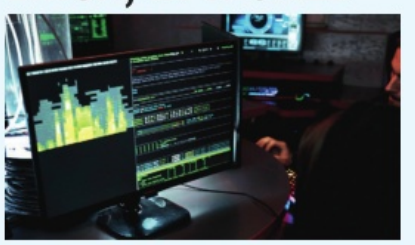

Cyber-security researchers have discovered a 75 per cent increase in ransomware attacks targeting Linux operating systems in the first half of 2022 compared to the first half last year.

The team from Trend Micro observed the emergence of new Linux ransomware families for the first half of 2022. "We observed how malicious actors favoured ransomware-as-a-service (RaaS) methods for faster deployments and bigger payouts. They also used new ransomware families," the researchers noted. Based on the data, there were 67 active RaaS and extortion groups and over 1,200 victim organisations reported in the six months. **IANS**

HEALTH TIP: If you keep portion sizes moderate, it is easier to eat what you want and have a healthy diet

Skipping meals can lead to out-of-control hunger and frequently results in over-indulging

'Nice dogs' bite too

Contrary to popular belief, banned dog breeds are not more likely to bite than other breeds

Dogs are rarely 'nice' or 'nasty'. People tend to label some dog breeds as aggressive and some, such as the pit bull terrier, are often banned. Yet all dogs have the potential to bite.

In fact, banned breeds are no more likely to bite than other breeds, despite a reputation for being more aggressive. There is little evidence that breed-specific laws reduce biting.

Labrador retrievers, one of the most popular dog breeds in the UK often feature in lists and reports about aggressive dog breeds.. This is likely because Labradors make up such a high proportion of the dog population.

But it also highlights why we should be aware of our interactions around all dogs, no matter the breed. Biting is not inevitable. Understanding the reasons why dogs bite is the key to prevention.

Humans have selectively bred dogs over thousands of years for appearance and behaviour traits.

Some dogs, such as the Cavalier King Charles spaniel, have been bred for their appearance and as a docile companion. Others dogs have been bred for an aloof and wary personality as guard dogs. While dogs of the same breed share common characteristics, there is as much variation within a breed as there is across breeds. It's tricky to predict what a dog's behaviour will be like based on breed alone.

However, the purpose a dog was originally bred for is a useful guide. Breeds favoured for intelligence, problem solving skills and working roles may be more sensitive.

Why do dogs bite?

When dogs bite, it is usually a last resort. It can arise from fear, pain, or frustration.

Dog biting is influenced by a combination of genetics, experience and training. Sometimes dogs are intentionally trained to behave aggressively, for the handler's status or protection. Others may have a genetic predisposition to fear and anxiety or aggression.

Human error is closely linked with dog bite incidents. We can aggravate a conflict situation when we fail to recognise what dogs are telling us through their body language and demeanour.

In most cases, the dog is known to the victim, and attacks often happen in their own garden. Children under 10 are at particular risk from dog bites. They may struggle to recognise fearful dogs or other warning signs such as mistaking a dog showing their teeth for a friendly smile.

> **We expect dogs and puppies to fit seamlessly into our lives but the human world can be confusing. It is our responsibility to help them adjust**

Is biting and aggression linked?

Aggression is a normal behaviour in all animals. It is a natural response to actual or perceived threat and is part of the way an animal communicates their emotional state. Animals use aggression to manage interactions and usually leads to resolution of the threat or conflict.

Think about a dog growling if you approach their dinner bowl when they are eating. While this might not be an ideal behaviour for a family dog, it is a clear indication the dog is uncomfortable. The growl should be warning enough for you to move away.

Dogs show a range of behaviours to neutralise stressful situations, such as lip licking, averting their gaze and growling. If we ignore, misinterpret or punish warning behaviour, we risk escalation.

If your dog displays unusual behaviour such as snapping or excessive barking, seek professional veterinary and behavioural advice, especially if pain or fear is involved

How can we reduce dog bite incidents?

We have a legal obligation to manage the behaviour of dogs in our care. We expect dogs and puppies to fit seamlessly into our lives but the human world can be confusing and frightening.

It is our responsibility to help them adjust and learn skills for day-to-day life in human society. This includes behavioural self-management so our dogs can cope with the challenges they will encounter.

Negative experiences including punishment can increase a dog's stress levels during human interactions. Instead, reward-based training supports human-dog bonds and is highly effective. This is especially important during puppy-hood.

If we want to make our interactions with dogs safer, we need greater awareness of how dogs communicate stress and fear. Educating parents to manage encounters between children and dogs is critical.

We can equip children with the skills they need to interact with new dogs and build a close relationship with pets by teaching them about basic dog behaviour. It's particularly important to show them how they should respond if frightened by a dog, for example by standing tall, folding their arms and not running away.

Choose a dog that is suited for your lifestyle and provide activities and enrichment that complement their natural instincts. For example, if you take a dog originally bred to herd sheep into a city and fail to provide them with a suitable outlet, don't be surprised if they try to chase and herd runners, cyclists, or cars.

Dogs and humans have a close relationship that has evolved over thousands of years. But it's a one-sided friendship if we don't meet their needs.

By Jacqueline Boyd, Senior Lecturer in Animal Science, Nottingham Trent University for The Conversation

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a 36-year-old woman and I've been with my partner since we were both 20. I got pregnant a few months after we met, so everything became pretty full on quite quickly. We wanted to stay together and have the baby. For the most part, we've done a good job and now have two children.
In our mid and late-20s our relationship hit a bad patch though - probably the combination of young children, being young ourselves, and trying to earn enough money. We dealt with the pressure in different ways - he slept with other women, and I became very angry and uncommunicative.
Amazingly, we came through the other side and things are better now than ever.
However, for some reason, I've become really angry about his past cheating, I'm paranoid about where he goes and who he's with and I keep checking his phone, but haven't found anything dodgy.

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Well, maybe because things are good, you're scared of something sabotaging it all. He's cheated before, which must have made you feel very upset and insecure, so maybe it's the obvious thing to worry about, especially if you never really dealt with it properly at the time.
You admitted you were uncommunicative, so don't make that mistake again and tell your partner how you're feeling right now.
Explain that you worry the same thing might happen again and it's making you feel insecure and even paranoid.
If you don't feel you got the answers you wanted at the time from him, then open up the discussion and encourage him to be honest with you.
It sounds as if you were both under a lot of stress back then, but he still made the choice to cheat and he should take responsibility for that.

–Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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Kakuro

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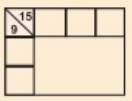
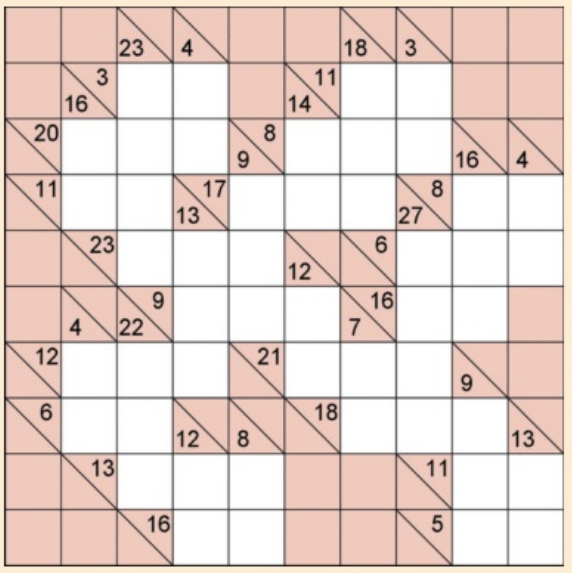


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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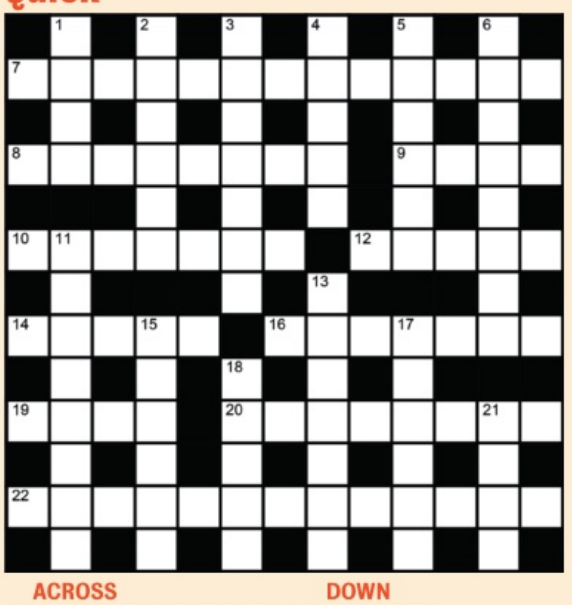


ACROSS

7 Seat of the Karnataka State legislature (7,6)
8 Jut out (8)
9 Taj Mahal site (4)
10 Send traffic by another path (7)
12 Air tubes for wheels (5)
14 Summon up (5)
16 Blackball, rebuff or ostracise (7)
19 Aspersion (4)
20 Supports or certifies (8)
22 Science dealing with functions and diseases of the eye (13)

DOWN

1 Deceiver (4)
2 Poor quarter (6)
3 Pension (7)
4 Useful quality (5)
5 Insanity (6)
6 Least lengthy (8)
11 Cover for a letter (8)
13 Pass sentence on (7)
15 A martial art (6)
17 Joyous songs of Christmas? (6)
18 Series or a group of six (5)
21 Border (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS T

ABYE N WNB'O VQNPNVXRP FO XQR PRNY VPFXRPFAB AJ ZAPXQ.

Linemaro

Excuse me, I just noticed you noticing me

Mindchow

Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values

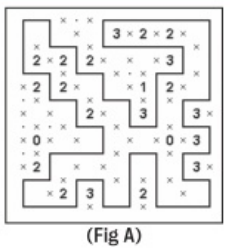
Joke of the day

Wonder why people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is

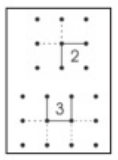
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

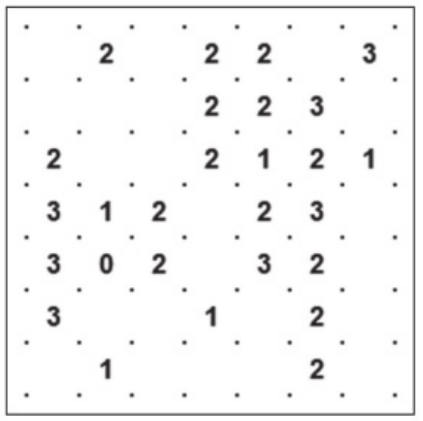


(Fig B) Not Allowed

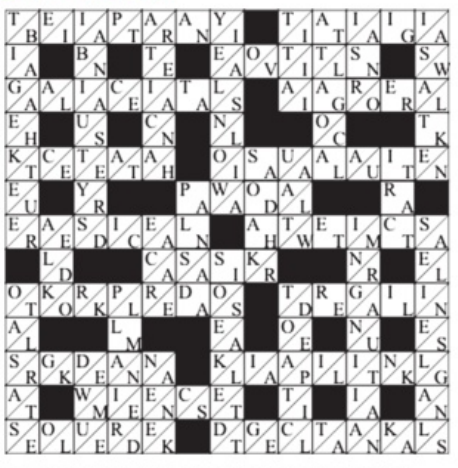
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



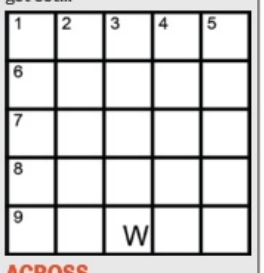
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

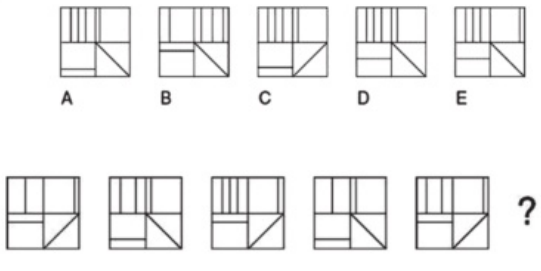
1 Arsis; 6 Medea;
7 Irons; 8 Aired;
9 Re Few

DOWN

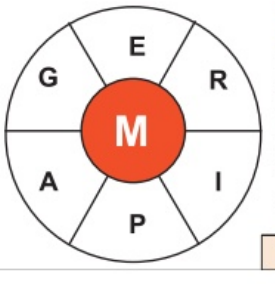
1 Fires; 2 Oread;
3 Wears; 4 I dime;
5 Earns

Mensapuzzle

What comes next?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

18 Average; 20 Good; 22 Outstanding

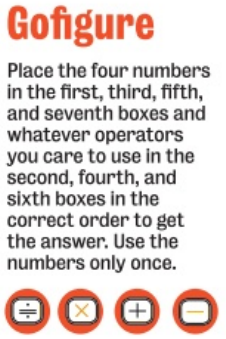
SudokuChallenge

				5				
6			9		7			8
7	4						5	1
	7	2		8		4	6	
		6	5		4	2		
	9	5		3		8	1	
9	2						7	3
8			7		2			6
				1				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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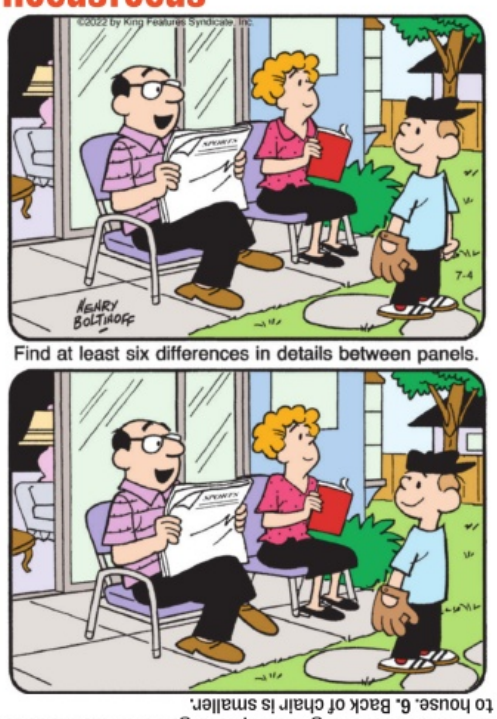


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

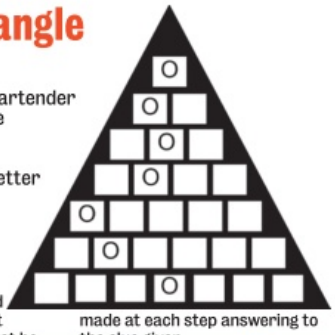
Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Arm is not showing. 4. Lamp is larger. 5. Window is added to house. 6. Back of chair is smaller.

Riddler

What animal completes this series? fly, spider, bird, cat, dog, goat, cow, ?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 8
2 Sacred mantra
3 "The Simpsons" bartender
4 Trevi Fountain site
5 Abalone
6 Erstwhile
7 Amends, makes better



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

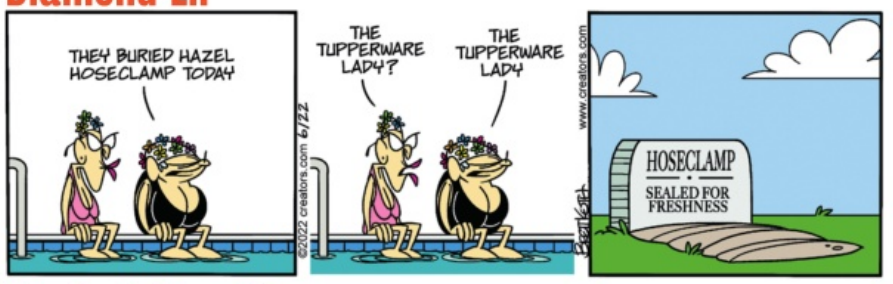
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

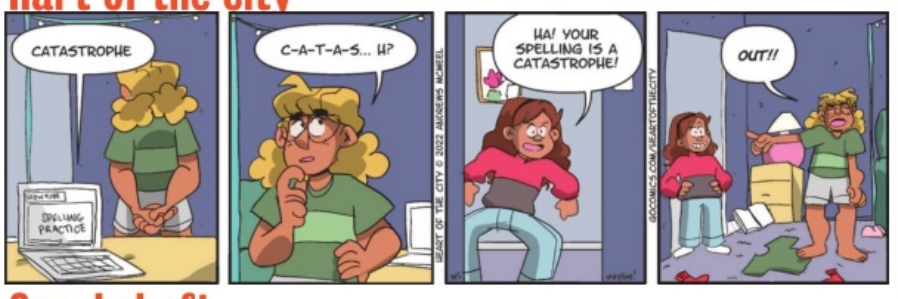
...AND GIT ME TO A SAFE PLACE
CRAZY OLD COOT.! ALWAYS TALKING TO YOURSELF!
6-21
THAR'S A HEAP OF DIFFERENCE TWIXT TALKIN' TO YERSELF AND PRAYIN'.!!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



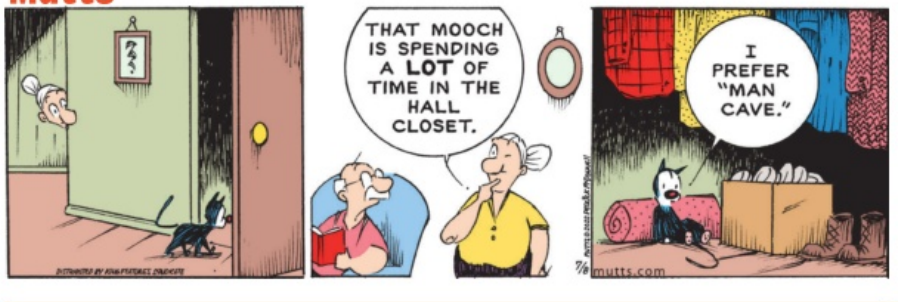
Hart of the city



Crankshaft

LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, RALPH...
NOW THAT YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE THE KNEE SURGERY...
YOU WON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH MONTHS OF KNEE-HABBING!

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your destiny is with you. Postponed projects are likely to be started now. You may have support from your elders, which may help you to come out from a messy situation. Domestic harmony can make you happy after resolving disputes between family members. Your creativity may be improved now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today your moon is not in a good position. You may feel dull and may have health issues. You may face losses in this period. It is advised not to invest in risky assets. Your gains may convert to losses. You should avoid being involved in controversies, otherwise it may pull you down negatively.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of your personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of your professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may have confidence, which may reflect in your way of working. You are in a winning position in terms of opponents and enemies. You may have good focus towards your goals. Health issues may be fine now. In your domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments. It may affect harmony.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be happy due to auspicious planetary combinations. You may have some sort of positive energy which may increase your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual topics. You will also plan for higher studies.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel negative vibrations around you, which can make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid investments on worthless assets. You may also notice that friends and people around you may not be supportive today. You are advised to not expect more from anyone in terms of help, otherwise it can make you nervous. Make independent decisions today.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may not be able to present yourself logically. You may have a dull feeling, which may give you a lack of confidence. You need to follow your intuition while making decisions in terms of investments. People around you may not be cooperative in terms of routine work. You are advised to be careful about eating unhealthy food to avoid stomach issues.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are likely to be more excited due to the cooperation of your family and friends. You may plan to renovate your house or may bring some souvenirs to maintain your lifestyle, which may increase your social status. You may expect growth in your fixed assets.

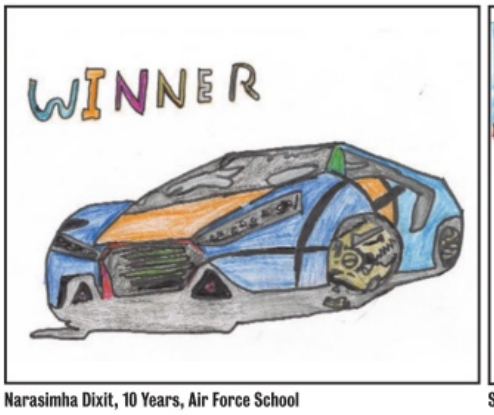
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day in terms of gains. You may get results from low effort. Your losses may convert into profits with the help of your wisdom. You may plan to upgrade your skills by doing academic courses. You may donate to charity. You may also help needy people. Some investments in intellectual assets may be possible. Students may do well.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dull due to some health issues. Chronic diseases may re-appear. You are advised to avoid rash driving and hurry. You are advised to avoid conflicts with business partners. Avoid making important decisions in terms of business. Investments should be postponed. By the late evening, things may be under control.

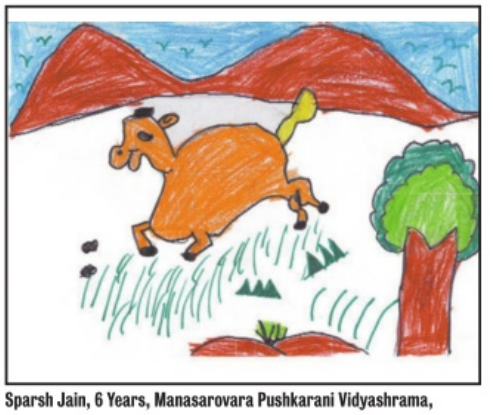
Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be blessed by your destiny. Your postponed projects may be started now. Messy situations are now under control, which may speed up your tasks. Disputes between family members are likely to be resolved, which may increase domestic harmony. Your creativity may be improved now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day. You are enthusiastic. With the help of good focus, you may perform well in business and work. Your boss may be supportive and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. It is advised to avoid arrogance in your love life.

KIDZONE



Narasimha Dixit, 10 Years, Air Force School



Sparsh Jain, 6 Years, Manasarovara Pushkarani Vidyashrama, Mysore

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
24-4(6)+0+1 = 24-24+1 = 1

RIDDLER Horse. These are all the animals swallowed by the old lady in the nursery rhyme:

BULL'S EYE amir, emir, EPIGRAM, gamer, germ, glimp, gram, grim, grime, image, maggie, mare, mirage, mire, perm, pram, prim, ream prime, ramie, ramp,

FAST FIVE

S	A	R	I	S
E	D	E	M	A
I	R	A	D	E
R	O	S	I	N
F	E	W	E	R

QUOTE UNCODE
Only a man's character is the real criterion of worth.

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
A: looking across the squares, the top left corner alternates one line/two lines/three lines; the top right corner alternates line/two lines/three lines; the bottom left corner alternates right vertical/line left vertical; the bottom right corner alternates bottom horizontal and the bottom horizontal/ top horizontal

SUDOKU

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5	6	7	4	1	3	9	8	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, Om, Moe, Rome, Ormer, Former, Reforms.

GO FIGURE
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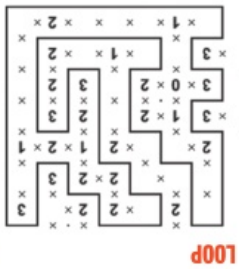
6 x 3 / 2 + 9 = 18
Medium
2 x 6 + 1 - 6 = 7
Hard

LOOP



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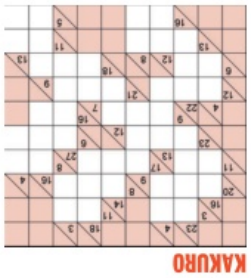

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Why Chiranjeevi set up a blood bank
Megastar K Chiranjeevi on Sunday revealed that he set up Chiranjeevi Blood Bank as he was moved by the death of many people due to blood shortage in 1998

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Tamannaah, the bouncer

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia is set to star in the upcoming comic-drama 'Babli Bouncer', the motion poster was unveiled on Sunday.

The comedy-drama draws its strength from an unusual storyline and the actress is thrilled to bring the film to the audience where she has played the most varied character of her career. It follows the story of the titular young female bouncer as it portrays various layers of the profession usually taken up by men. The actress said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to give the audience such an unusual character play. The film's shoot has been a hilarious experience and 'Babli Bouncer' is a character I have never played before."

She added: "I was excited to see the first look. Now that Madhur Sir has announced that he is releasing it, I can't wait to see reactions of the audience."

IANS

No loss

Vijay Deverakonda to pay Rs 6 cr as compensation to 'Liger' producers?

ETimes had exclusively revealed that director Puri Jagannadh will compensate the distributors who have suffered losses due to the box office failure of 'Liger'. Warangal Srinu, a distributor from the South, had confirmed to ETimes that the filmmaker will travel to Hyderabad to personally look into the compensation process. And now, Vijay Deverakonda is also going to compensate the producers of the film.

'Liger' has failed to rake in the expected results at the box office, which has left the makers with huge losses. The film was made on a grand budget and promoted extensively across the country. During its first week in theatres, the film managed to earn only Rs 18 crore in Hindi. As a result of this commercial failure, Vijay Deverakonda will pay a portion of his remuneration to Charmee Kaur and other co-producers, the figure is said to be over Rs 6 crore, reports News18.

Directed by Puri Jagannadh, 'Liger' marked Vijay's debut in Bollywood and featured Ananya Panday as his leading lady.

With 'Liger', Vijay Deverakonda marked his entry in Bollywood. About it, he had told PTI, "Initially, I felt I was not ready (for Bollywood), like immediately after 'Arjun Reddy'. I didn't feel I was ready to do a national cinema. I needed my own journey to get to this point and take on the responsibility of national cinema. 'Liger' was the first film I was ready as a person, actor and as a script it felt perfectly right."

Post 'Liger', Vijay will reunite with director Puri Jagannadh for 'Jana Gana Mana'.

-ETimes

Sara is game

Sara Ali Khan shared a glimpse of her fun game night with friends on Sunday, on social media. Taking to her Instagram stories, the 'Atrangi Re' actor treated fans with a video from her game night.

Sharing the boomerang video, she used 'Games night' and 'We built this city' stickers. Sara also tagged her friends, Ishika Shroff, Mili Sanwalka and Yash Singhal.

The video featuring a board game with a hand rolling the dice. The actor could be seen enjoying a Cantan game with her friends.

On the work front, Sara will be seen sharing screen space with Vicky Kaushal in Laxman Utekar's next. She also has 'Gaslight' with Vikrant Massey and Chitrangada Singh. The film is being directed by Pawan Kriplani who earlier helmed 'Bhoot Police'.

Societal collapse in the air: Chalamet

Dune' star Timothee Chalamet did not hold back when speaking about the impact of social media on society while promoting his new film at a press conference during the Venice Film Festival

According to reports, at a press conference for his new movie, "Bones and All," actor Timothee Chalamet was open about his thoughts on social media and the harm he feels it has done, saying he is glad he was not a child when social media was really popular.

"To be young now, and to be young whenever--I can only speak for my generation--is to be intensely judged," Chalamet said. "I can't imagine what it is to grow up with the onslaught of social media." His most recent movie is set in the 1980s, a time before social media and before individuals were constantly bombarded with other people's ideas.

Chalamet acknowledged that it was liberating to live a life free of concern about maintaining his online persona. He disagrees with society's incessant need to interpret one's feelings and thoughts in light of social media and what others may be saying about it.

"It was a relief to play characters who are wrestling with an internal dilemma absent the ability to go on Reddit, or Twitter, Instagram or TikTok and figure out where they fit in," he explained.

"I'm not casting judgement," he added. "You can find your tribe there ... [but] I think it's hard to be alive now. I think societal collapse is in the air. That's why hopefully this movie will matter."

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Lanke, in Hindi

Director-cum-producer Ram Prasad MD is celebrating the success of his maiden Kannada film Lanke that released on September 10, 2021 when 50% occupancy norm was in force due to the covid pandemic. It was the first commercial Kannada movie to be released after the second lockdown. Lanke is expected to complete one year of screening by September 9. Now, Ram Prasad is busy with the dubbing of Lanke in Hindi.

"I am very happy with Lanke's success. Though it was released during last year, it continued screening in one or the other theater across Karnataka. As of now, it is being screened at Jamkhandi in North Karnataka. I have earned a decent amount from this movie. I want to thank the people of Karnataka for their support of my movie," Ram Prasad said.

He said the dubbed version of Lanke will be screened at 500 cinema halls across the country. "Dubbing is completed. As of now, we are focusing on recording songs. We have roped in well-known Bollywood playback singers," he said.

Yogesh alias Loose Mada played the lead role in Lanke while Sanchari Vijay, Kavya Shetty, Krishi Thapanda, Ester Noronha, Sharath Lohitasva, Gayathri Jayaram, and Suchendra Prasad are the other important star cast.

"Karthik Jayaram, who scored music for the Kannada version, is composing music for the Hindi dubbed version. I am planning to dub Lanke in Telugu too," he said.

Rakshit launches 2 movies

Rakshit Shetty, Rishab Shetty and Diganth are expected to be part of Bachelor Party

After tasting success with Charlie 777 that was released across the country in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam, actor-cum-producer Rakshit Shetty launched two Kannada movies at Dharmagiri Manjunathaswamy Temple, Banashankari on Thursday. These are: Bachelor Party and Ibbani Thabbida Ileyali. These movies are being made under the banner of Paramvah Studios.

While Abhijit Mahesh is assigned to direct Bachelor Party, Chandrajit Belliyappa is the director for Ibbani Thabbida Ileyali.

"We should get a variety of scripts. We have to welcome script writers with new ideas. Our Paramvah Studios is always ready to encourage such writers. Abhijit Mahesh has been with me since the launch of my movie Kirik Party in 2016," said Rakshit.

Rakshit, Rishab Shetty and Diganth are expected to be in Bachelor Party's cast. "It is my second movie under the Paramvah Studios banner. The script written by Abhijit Mahesh is good and is a comedy that is a laugh riot," said Diganth.

On Ibbani Thabbida Ileyali, director Belliyappa said the movie would be like a beautiful dream. "I want to make this movie a memorable one for the audiences," said Belliyappa.